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Sir:

No first office action has been received in the application identified above. Attached is a completed form PTO-1449 along with copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon. The Examiner may find these references relevant to examination of this application. Inclusion of the references in this document is not an admission that any of the references is prior art to the subject invention. Applicant reserves the right to traverse characterization of any of the references herein as prior art. Following are comments on these references pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98; these comments are intended as a discussion of the relevance of each of these references to the patentability of each claim mentioned below:

The patents and publications submitted comprise the most pertinent art of which the applicant is aware, and it is believed that none of the references is relevant to the subject matter for which a patent is sought. German patent document 502,612 to Dürkoppwerke A.-G. (July 16, 1930) is included because Fig. 3 ("Abb. 3") thereof appears to show an

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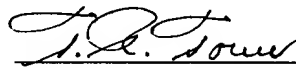
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element ("Nase"), e, that may be integral, though any relationship of element e to a hub, if any, of handwheel ("Schwungrad") b is not apparent from Fig. 1 ("Abb. 1") or cross-section Fig. 2 ("Abb. 2"). Element e appears to be part of disk ("Scheibe") d', shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

None of the references shows the hub of independent claim 1 or its dependent claims 2 - 20 and 31. None of the references shows the process steps of dependent claim 15 or its further dependent claim 16. None of the references shows the pulley of dependent claim 18 or its further dependent claims 19 - 20. None of the references shows the hub of independent claim 21 or its dependent claims 22 - 34. None of the references shows the gear of claim 31 (dependent upon claim 1) or its further dependent claims 32 and 33. None of the references individually or in combination fairly suggests applicant's invention as claimed.

Applicant would appreciate return of a copy of the form PTO-1449 submitted herewith, with each reference initialed by the Examiner to indicate that each initialed reference was considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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